

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Owen DeJong has been the host of Morning Classics on South Dakota Public Broadcasting Radio for the past 20 years; and,

Whereas, Owen has utilized his University of South Dakota (USD) Master's degrees in English and violin performance as a beloved K-12 educator before enlightening and entertaining the state-wide music, arts, and cultural community in his broadcasts each day; and,

Whereas, Owen has dedicated his life to playing violin and fiddle to the delight of thousands of fans and received recognition from the "SD Old Time Fiddlers" and the "SD Rock N Roll Hall of Fame"; and,

Whereas, Owen has been a valued member of such notable bands as Dry Mustard, the Totally Amazing Bitsco Band, and the Red Willow Band and is valued for his musicianship with the USD Symphony and Chamber Orchestras, Poker Alice Band, and the Public Domain Tune Band; and,

Whereas, Owen has earned the respect and friendship of fellow musicians and music enthusiasts, neighbors, and his community, not only for his musical prowess, but also for his good nature, wit, and willingness to always be supportive and help others succeed; and,

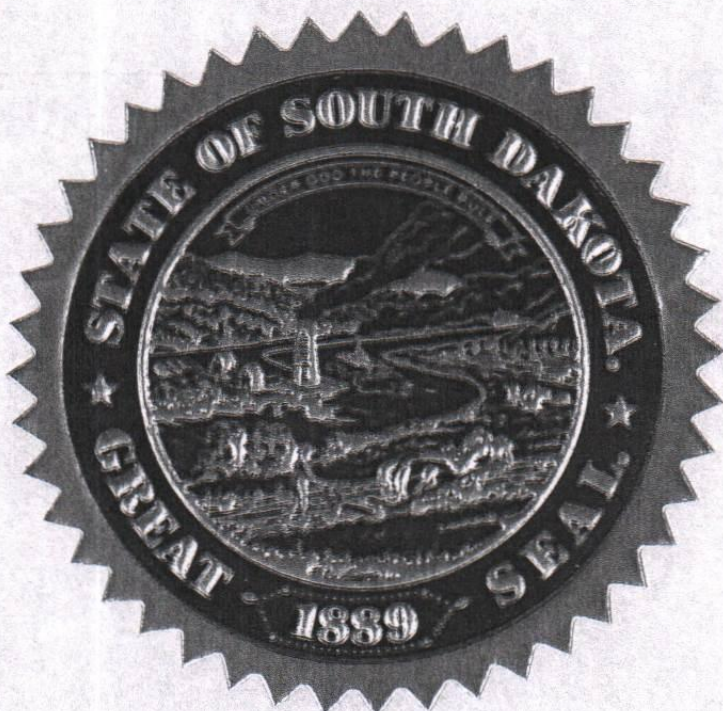
Whereas, Owen's career in broadcasting and his advocacy for the rich musical community in South Dakota is celebrated by his orchestral and band mates, and his friends and fans in attendance, listening on the radio and online through the world today from the Neuharth Media Center on the campus of USD; and,

Whereas, It is fitting to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on this momentous occasion:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 14, 2016, as

OWEN DEJONG DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family and friends in offering him best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State